

What is claimed is:

1. A blade cartridge for a wet shaving device comprising:
a housing defining a cavity;
first and second razor blade assemblies disposed within said cavity,
each blade assembly comprising;
a blade carrier;
at least two razor blades mounted on the carrier, each of said blades
defining a longitudinal cutting edge;
a wire extending generally transversely across the cutting edges of
said at least two razor blades to prevent excessive extrusion of a user's skin
between successive razor blades; and wherein
said cutting edges of the razor blades of the first and second blade
assemblies are configured to allow the razor cartridge to cut hair when drawn over
a user's skin in either of two different directions.
2. A blade cartridge as defined by claim 1 wherein said cutting edges of
said razor blades carried by said first razor blade assembly generally face toward
said cutting edges of said razor blades carried by said second razor blade assembly.
3. A blade cartridge as defined by claim 1 wherein said cutting edges of
said razor blades carried by said first razor blade assembly generally face away
from said cutting edges of said razor blades carried by said second razor blade
assembly.
4. A blade cartridge as defined by claim 1 wherein the number of razor
blades carried by the first blade assembly is the same as the number of razor blades
carried by the second blade assembly.
5. A blade cartridge as defined by claim 1 wherein the number of razor
blades carried by the first blade assembly is different from the number of razor
blades carried by the second blade assembly.

6. A blade cartridge as defined by claim 1 wherein the first and second blade assemblies are independently moveable relative to the housing.

7. A blade cartridge as defined by claim 6 further comprising biasing means for urging each of said first and second blade assemblies toward a neutral position in response to forces exerted against said blade assemblies during a shaving operation.